

AGENDA



Thursday, October 22, 2009

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 48**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 1,915 square feet (0.04 acre) permanent drainage easement, approximately 10,505 square feet (0.24 acre) temporary access and temporary workspace, to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace a storm drain line and appurtenances for construction of a portion of the Lady Bird Lake/East 4th Street Drainage Improvements (CIP ID 5789.028) through dedicated parkland known as Town Lake – Holly Shores Park at 2615 Canterbury. (Suggested date and time: November 19, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding: All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by requester.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommend by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Watershed Protection Department is proposing to repair and construct an improved storm drain outfall on approximately 1,915 sq. ft. of parkland within Town Lake – Holly Shores Park to discharge into Lady Bird Lake. The Lady Bird Lake/East 4th Street Drainage Improvements project will reduce the localized flooding problems in the area bounded by East 4th Street between San Saba Street and Pace Street. This repair project also includes the use of approximately 10,505 square feet for access and temporary working space. The park will be used as a staging area for three (3) months.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". The Watershed Protection Department is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are October 25, November 1 & 8, 2009.